



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Daniel Edward Bowen, et al.)
For: SILICA REINFORCED RUBBER)
COMPOSITION AND ARTICLE WITH)
COMPONENT THEREOF, INCLUDING)
TIRES)
Serial No. 09/838,487)
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Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy

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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's Election/Restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 mailed September 10, 2003, Paper No. 3.

The Examiner's Restriction requirement is traversed on a basis that it is contended that there is substantial unity of invention for the Applicants' claims.

The Applicants elect the species of claim 1 (I-a) for further examination. Accordingly, the species of claim 1 (I-b, c and d); claim 1 (II a, b, c and d); claim 1 (III a, b, c and d) and claim 1 (IV a, b, c and d) are non-elected species and are withdrawn from consideration at this time.

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